

IN HONOR OF CHARLENE STARR
(CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE)

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Charlene Starr has, for over 30 years, been an employee of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office where she now supervises 12 staff personnel in the Tax Foreclosure Department who process between 3,000 and 4,000 tax foreclosure cases each year to ensure either that the appropriate taxes are paid or that the properties proceed to foreclosure sale, an often complex process.

From an early age, Charlene listened to her parents' teachings to develop a good work ethic and to appreciate her good fortune in what she had and to care for those who were less fortunate. She has sought to combine those in performing her job, while retaining a compassionate attitude towards others.

Charlene is also proud of her role in her office's receiving grants from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University and in a national award as one of 4 models for "Re-inventing Government".

A Brooklyn resident, Charlene was active for many years with members of the Cleveland Police Department in the "Cops, Kids & Christmas" program providing toys for unfortunate children in orphanages, hospitals and other locations and in gathering toys and contributions throughout the year at public events. She enjoys camping and fishing, cooking, reading and computers, among other activities and is an active member of St. Colman's Church.

RE: AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE,
MARCH 11, 1997

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to require notice to automobile insurance policy holders before a paid up policy can be either canceled or renewal refused.

Many of my constituents without warning or for insignificant reasons are being cut off of automobile insurance coverage and with little time allowed to find another company.

My bill will require at least 180 days notice before a cancellation or decision not to renew can take effect provided the premiums are fully paid up and there is no court order cancelling the holder's driver's license.

In many places in my district the only means of transportation is one's automobile. To have to drive without insurance coverage is a public hazard. People need to be told well in advance if a company is refusing to renew or plans to discontinue coverage.

This is not interference with the company's right to decide who to cover or not cover. It is only a requirement of due notice. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

H.R.—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SALES OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.

No State shall authorize the sale of automobile insurance policies unless such policies are subject to cancellation in accordance with section 2.

SEC. 2. CANCELLATION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.

A paid-up policy of automobile insurance may be canceled only if—

(1) a written notice of cancellation is mailed or delivered to the last known mailing address of the named insured as shown in the records of the insurer at least 180 days before the effective date of the cancellation;

(2) the insurer shows that the named insured had the insured's driver's license suspended or revoked; or

(3) the insurer shows that the name insured has been convicted of, or forfeited bail for, any action arising out of or in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle that is grounds for suspension or revocation of a driver's license.

SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.

An insurer shall mail or deliver to an insured a written notice of non-renewal of an automobile insurance policy at the last known mailing address of the named insured as shown in the records of the insurer at least 180 days before the expiration of the policy.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) INSURER.—An insurer which violates section 1, 2, or 3 shall with respect to the insured involved in such violation—

(1) accept an application or written request for automobile insurance coverage at a rate and on the same terms and conditions as are available to its insureds under the insurer's automobile insurance coverage;

(2) reinstate the automobile insurance coverage for such insured to the end of the applicable policy period.

(b) OTHERS.—Any person who violates section 1, 2, or 3 shall be subject to—

(1) a cease and desist order issued in accordance with section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45); or

(2) a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

RECOGNIZING THE NORWIN AREA CELEBRATION 2000

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, as the turn of the century approaches, Americans will become more and more excited about the time in which we are living. A new millennium is an event which we are indeed honored to witness, and such an event is worthy of celebration.

To this end, an organization in my Congressional District, the Fourth District of Pennsylvania, has been hard at work to ensure that the closing years of this century and the first year of the next century are welcomed with enthusiasm. The Norwin Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with local schools and businesses, has arranged an impressive cal-

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endar of events for Celebration 2000, including parades, a business EXPO, and, of course, a First Night 2000.

These events will certainly unite the people, businesses, governments, churches, and other organizations of not only the Norwin Area, but all of Westmoreland County, by providing the community with three years of high visibility events and activities.

Clearly, the time and effort it takes to organize such a gala event is worthy of our recognition here today. I ask that the Members of the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing these efforts. Through their hard work and dedication, Celebration 2000 will be a project worthy of taking place once in a 1,000 years.

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL RESPONDS TO HURRICANE MITCH

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the tremendous energy and compassion displayed by a group of students from Richmond High School in Richmond, California. Seeing the devastation of Hurricane Mitch on the nightly news, these students took action and responded. As reported in the following article, their efforts brought together the entire Richmond High community in the spirit of giving, and the people of both Central America and Richmond, California, are better for it.

[From the WC Times, Jan. 13, 1999]

RICHMOND HIGH GIVES LOADS AFTER STORM

(By Mary Reiley)

They collected boxes and boxes of food, clothing and over-the-counter medicines for adults and children who survived Hurricane Mitch, which devastated Honduras and Nicaragua in October.

Students in Richmond High's Alma Latina Club and leadership class collected so many boxes that their large truck could not carry all the donated items to the American Red Cross.

And it wasn't just the club and class members who contributed items and money.

Students attending dances, sports and the annual Harvest Festival got in by bringing canned foods.

Parents brought items on report card night, and staff members loaned their faces so students could pay to throw pies at them.

Students and staff from Helms Middle School and West Contra Costa Adult Education also gave.

"It speaks well of the community that we can come together when there's a need," said Isidora Martinez-McAfee.

She sponsors the Alma Latina Club and is the bilingual U.S. history and government teacher.

Most of the students in her classes and the club are from Mexico or Central America, Martinez-McAfee said, so they felt a connection to the hurricane victims.

When the club decided to send items from its annual canned food drive to Hurricane Mitch survivors, the leadership class rallied the student body to participate, said senior Maria Miranda, 18.